

# *In Focus*

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**News from the BSBP Braille and  
Talking Book Library (BTBL)**

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## **Libraries Without Walls**

*Libraries Without Walls 2017: Come See the Possibilities* is a one-day adaptive technology conference sponsored by the Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP) Braille and Talking Book Library (BTBL) to be held in Lansing on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Keynote speaker, Larry Lewis of Flying Blind, will discuss adaptive technology applications in the workplace environment, including Cloud Computing. A series of breakout sessions follow the keynote address and will cover topics like Amazon Echo vs Google Home, NVDA free open source screen reader, Android OS, Apple iOS, screen enlargement, Google products, and searching for and reading electronic books. The cost is \$15, which includes lunch and morning and afternoon refreshments.

Look for the Libraries Without Walls 2017 registration brochure in your mailbox in early May. This conference is supported by the State of Michigan and the Library of Michigan Foundation.

Lansing Community College- West Campus

5708 Cornerstone Drive,

Lansing, MI 48917

**Tuesday, June 13, 2017**

9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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# Technology Corner

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## BTBL Computer and Book Clubs

Computer and Book Clubs meet in the BTBL public service area on the ground floor of the Michigan Library and Historical Center, across from the elevators. Computer Club meets from 10:30 to 12:30 followed by Book Club at 1:30. If you cannot attend in person, call the library for information on other ways to participate.

### Club Schedules

- April 8: Cyber Security presented by Greg Sprout
- April 8: **DBC5942** *Women and the Lakes: Untold Great Lakes maritime tales* by Frederick Stonehouse
- May 13: Amazon Echo vs Google Home presented by Caitlin Snyder
- May 13: **DB70131** *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese
- June 10: NVDA (Non-Visual Desktop Access) screen reader presented by Joe Todd
- June 10: Book to be announced

Computer and book clubs will break for the summer months of July and August. Please consider joining us instead for the Summer Reading Event in August (more details in the summer newsletter).

## Consumer Involvement Committee (CIC) Meeting: Save the Date

The next CIC Forum is April 27<sup>th</sup> from 1-2pm. This call is open to all patrons, and we encourage your participation. This is a chance for you to give feedback on our service, ask questions about library procedures, and make suggestions for future priorities of the library. Please take the time to join us by dialing **1-888-278-0296** and entering the access code **5836578**.

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## **BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) Express**

BARD Express is a Windows computer application developed by the National Library Service for easy access to BARD search and download functions. This program is for Windows computers only. Other operating systems like Mac, Apple iOS, and Android perform the same unzip and packaging functions automatically.

BARD Express can be accessed by registered BARD users from the BARD website. Download the free program to your computer and the BARD Express icon will appear on your desktop. Click on the icon to open and login using your BARD e-mail and password. You are now presented with the main BARD menu containing the options: Bookshelf, Wish List, Preferences, Recently Added, Most Popular, Subject, Series, Magazines, Search BARD, and Manage Devices.

Why do I want to use BARD Express? BARD Express eliminates the cumbersome unzip process after a book is downloaded. When the download is complete, the file is automatically unzipped, placed in a folder, given the book's title as the folder name, and placed on the BARD Express Bookshelf. You can put multiple books on your Bookshelf for transfer to your storage device and playback on your NLS provided player or other authorized player.

BARD Express has an easy to use menu with labeled hot keys, including a series hot key which makes it easier to search for books in a series from the Main Menu. Additionally, most operations can be performed with only seven keys: Enter, Tab, Shift, and the Up, Down, Left, and Right arrow keys.

### **Hot Keys for BARD Express:**

Main Menu: Control+m

Bookshelf: Control+B

Wish List: Control+w

Recently Added: Control+r

Most Popular: Control+d

Preferences: Control+p

Browse Subject: Control+j

Browse Series: Control+g

Magazines: Control+i

Search BARD: Control+s

Announce Current View in  
Screen Reader: Control+q

# Local Recordings

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## Pronunciation Guide

To assist volunteer narrators in pronunciation of Michigan place names, the Michigan BTBL Recording Studio staff have assembled the *You Say it How in Michigan?* Pronunciation Guide. In addition, whether you've lived here all your life, just moved here, or happen to be visiting or planning a vacation to this great state, this directory can help you with the correct pronunciation of Michigan's many unique cities and places. Each entry includes a phonetic spelling of the word and an audio (MP3) pronunciation. Access the full guide on the BTBL website at: <http://www.michigan.gov/howtosayit>

## New Michigan Locally Recorded Audiobooks:

**DBC11045** - *A History of Ann Arbor*, by Jonathan L. Marwil, narrated by David Erdody. Annotation: History of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and the impact of the University of Michigan in shaping the town's history. 1987.

**DBC05957** - *The Fast Times of Albert Champion : From Record-Setting Racer to Dashing Tycoon, an Untold Story of Speed, Success, and Betrayal* by Peter Joffre Nye, narrated by Nicholas Colovos. Annotation: Biography of Flint, Michigan's AC Delco and Champion Spark Plug founder gives a glimpse into the advent of modern transportation in the Jazz Age through the story of a man who lived in the fast lane. 2014.

**DBC05937** - *Keepers of Valor : Lakes of Vengeance, Lakeboats, Lifesavers & Lighthouses* by Wes Oleszewski, narrated by Andy Andersen. Annotation: This factual historical narrative includes sagas of some of the most obscure and thrilling events that can be told of lake ships and those who served on them. A 2000 Michigan Notable book. 2000.

## Locally Recorded Book Catalog

A new edition of the *Michigan BTBL Locally Recorded Digital Talking Books Catalog* is expected to be available this summer. Reserve your copy by calling the library at 1-800-992-9012.

# Youth Services

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## Build a Better World with the BTBL Summer Reading Program

Mark your calendars for the entire month of July for this year's Summer Reading Program! The theme is Build a Better World, and the library is offering the chance for youth 18 and under to enter two different contests:

- Build It Your Way is a construction contest where participants will be challenged to build something (anything!) without using tape or glue.
- Building Your Story is a reading/writing challenge.



## Looking for Summer Activities? Try one of these...

- **The Michigan Department of Education - Low Incident Outreach (MDE-LIO) Essay Contest:** Win FREE admission (including travel costs) to the Space Camp for Interested Visually Impaired Students held September 23-28, 2017. Grades 7-12. Essays due April 30, 2017. <https://mdelio.org/news/2017-mde-lio-space-camp-essay-contest-now-open>
- **Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind:** Multiple week long camps offered during June 18 – July 13. Ages 7-19. Registration first come, first served. <http://www.oubmichigan.org/camps-and-events-schedule/>.
- **Leader Dogs for the Blind Summer Experience Camp:** June 23—June 30, 2017. Ages 16-17. Applications due April 1, 2017. [www.leaderdog.org/clients/programs/summer-experience-camp](http://www.leaderdog.org/clients/programs/summer-experience-camp)
- **National Federation of the Blind Youth Slam:** July 23-29, 2017. Grades 9-12. Applications due May 7th. <http://www.blindscience.org/nfb-youth-slam>
- **Bureau of Services for Blind Persons Camp Transition Zone:** August 15-19, 2017. Ages 14-21. Contact Julie Clark at 989-732-5814 or [clarkj3@michigan.gov](mailto:clarkj3@michigan.gov) for more information.

# News

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## Overdue Book Notices

The BTBL Overdue Book Notice Program, which began in 2015 to help keep patron accounts up-to-date, will continue this spring for books checked out in 2016 that have not yet been returned.

If you have overdue books on your account, you will receive a notice in the mail asking you to contact the library. No fines are associated with this program.

There could be multiple reasons why a book has not been checked in, including being lost or damaged in the mail, having more books out than you can read in the loan period, or sending a book back in the wrong container. By calling us, we can try to figure out which issue you are experiencing and correct our records to accurately reflect the materials you currently have. To renew your books or to obtain more information about your overdue materials, please call 1-800-992-9012.

### Overdue Notice

We are currently in the process of updating our collection records and appreciate your time and understanding during this process.

Our records indicate that you have 1 (or more) overdue digital book cartridges. While there are **no late fees** associated with this notice, the library and other patrons would appreciate the prompt return of overdue books.

Contact your local talking-book library for more information.

**1-800-992-9012**



## Machine Services Tips

- If you are returning a piece of equipment, please call to notify us of whether you need a new machine, would like to cancel service, or are going to use a 3rd party player for BARD service only.
- All equipment is the property of the US Government and must be returned when no longer in use. Do not sell it, throw it away, or give it away. If needed, we can provide a box for returning it. Please call 1-800-992-9012.

## Low Vision Support Group of Greater Lansing

This support group meets on the third Wednesday of the month (September-June) to have personal exchange of ideas that will aid participants in the adjustment to visual impairment. Join us at Plymouth Congregational Church (2001 East Grand River, Lansing, MI) from 1 to 3 p.m. Brown bag lunch begins at noon. For questions, contact Roberta at 517-230-0751 or email [mccallr6246@att.net](mailto:mccallr6246@att.net).

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# Around the State

The following programs may be offered only to patrons within the counties served for each library location. To find out if a program is available to you, refer to the library listings on page 10 or call the location in question to verify.

## Braille and Talking Books @ Taylor Community Library

- **Brown Bag Talking Book Club.** Wednesday, April 12: Noon to 1:30 P.M.  
**DB79591** - *Neverhome* by Laird Hunt  
**DB55748** - *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson
- **Support Group for Visually Impaired People (VIPs).** Wednesday, April 26: Noon to 1:30 P.M. Topic for the Month: Tech Talk Time. In May, the library will be introducing a new Braille and Talking Books program. **Tech Talk** will focus on technology improving the lives of people with vision impairments. Caregivers, friends, and drivers are welcome.

First Tech Talk: May 17. Noon - 1:30 PM.

Next Support Group Meeting: May 24. Noon - 1:30 PM.

## Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped @ CMPL

We offer the following on-going programs for Macomb County residents. Please call us at 586-286-1580 or toll free at 855-203-5274 for details.

- **Our Book Discussion Group** meets once a month, by phone. No need to come to the library as this is a by-phone-only program! Each month the library selects an audiobook for the group to read and discuss at the following month's meeting.
- **Adaptive computer tutoring** is available by appointment. In addition to software such as ZoomText and JAWS screen reader, we offer tutoring in VoiceOver technology on Apple products, such as iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad. Select tutoring is available on Android products.
- **Personalized device demonstrations**, including such items as magnifiers, writing tools, lamps, and more are available by appointment at the library. These items are designed to make life a bit easier if you have vision issues. Since we do not sell any of these items, there is no pressure to purchase, just an easy way to test out a product. This free program is sponsored by the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition and is hosted at the Macomb Library for the Blind.

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## **Muskegon Area District Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped**

- **Area low vision support groups are recruiting new members.** Meet others who are also experiencing vision loss. Learn about specialized vision products to make your life easier. Hear speakers describe ways to improve your daily living and cope with the changes that accompany vision loss. There is no charge to attend these meetings.
- **Muskegon County Low Vision Support Group.** Meetings held at United Way Lakeshore (31 E. Clay, Muskegon) on the third Wednesday of the month at 9:15 AM.
- **Ottawa County Low Vision Support Groups**
  - **Grand Haven:** The Village at the Pines (1450 S. Ferry St.) the second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 AM
  - **Holland:** Village at Appledoorn (630 Hastings Ave.) the fourth Monday of the month at 9:30 AM
  - **Zeeland:** Royal Park Place (500 Parkside Dr.) the first Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM
  - Call 1-800-466-8084 for more information regarding any of the support groups.

## **Detroit Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

- **Internet and Word Processing Training Using Assistive Technology.** Tuesdays, 10:00 am – 2:00 p.m. Learn to use computers and improve your skills using assistive technology. Keyboard instruction is also offered. Limited to Detroit and Highland Park residents.
- **Braille Instruction.** Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Learn to read and write Braille.
- **Descriptive DVD Day.** Meets 1st Tuesday of the month, 12:00 - 2:30 pm. Visually impaired and blind persons can watch a movie that includes a narrative description of the screen action.
- **Nifty Knitters.** Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Learn to knit on a loom and enjoy knitting with others. Supplies are provided or bring your own.
- **Book Club.** Meets 4th Tuesday of the month, 1-2:30 pm. Two books are discussed at each meeting. Call for book details.
- All programs are offered free of charge but you must register in advance. Please call 1-313-481-1702 for more information and to reserve your space. Transportation is not provided.

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## Great Lakes Talking Books

- **Outreach Coming to You!** Lynn is planning outreach visits during the summer months. If you have a suggestion for a school, church, club, library, nursing facility, or other organization that has students, members, or patients who would benefit from our services, please call her at 1-800-562-8985, Ext. 0. Thank you for helping us spread the word!

## St. Clair County Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

- **The Way I See It - an evening with Temple Grandin.** As part of our 100th anniversary year celebration, the St. Clair County Library System is proud to present author, professor, and world-renowned autism spokesperson Temple Grandin at the East China Performing Arts Center at 7 pm on Wednesday, May 3rd. Ms. Grandin will be doing a presentation, question-and-answer session, and book signing.

Temple Grandin is a professor of animal science at Colorado State University and consultant to the livestock industry on animal behavior. She is widely celebrated as one of the first individuals on the autism spectrum to publicly share insights from her personal experience of autism. Ms. Grandin has appeared on television shows such as 20/20, 48 Hours, CNN Larry King Live, and others. She has also authored over 400 articles in both scientific journals and livestock periodicals on animal handling, welfare, and facility design. Her life story has also been made into an HBO movie titled "Temple Grandin, starring Claire Danes".

Admission to this event is free. **DUE TO THE OVERWHELMING RESPONSE REGISTRATION IS NOW REQUIRED.** Doors open at 6 pm. ASL interpreters provided. To register, please call our nearest library branch or go to: [www.stclaircountylibrary.org/EventInfo.aspx?id=20782](http://www.stclaircountylibrary.org/EventInfo.aspx?id=20782)

## Traverse Area District Library & Talking Book Library

- **Tuesdays at Two Book Club.** Join us the last Tuesday of the month at 2:00pm at the Traverse Area District Library in the McGuire Room.
  - April 25th – **DB76478** *Man in the High Castle* by Philip K. Dick
  - May 30th – **DB78624** *Blood Will Out* by Walter Kern
- **Assistance with adaptive devices.** If you would like help learning how to download books to your device, please give Lue a call at 231-714-6255 to set an appointment. You'll be glad you did.

# Michigan Talking Book Libraries

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## **Bureau of Services for Blind Persons, Braille and Talking Book Library**

**1-800-992-9012** Counties served: Alcona, Allegan, Arenac, Barry, Bay, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Clinton, Eaton, Emmet, Gladwin, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Ingham, Iosco, Isabella, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lake, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Mason, Mecosta, Midland, Monroe, Montmorency, Newaygo, Oceana, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon, Saginaw, Shiawassee, Saint Joseph, Van Buren

## **Washtenaw Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled @ AADL**

**1-734-327-4224** Counties served: Washtenaw

## **Great Lakes Talking Books**

**1-800-562-8985** Counties served: Alger, Alpena, Baraga, Chippewa, Crawford, Delta, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Menominee, Ontonagon, Schoolcraft

## **Oakland Talking Book Service @ RHPL**

**1-800-774-4542** Counties served: Oakland

## **Genesee District Talking Book Center**

**1-866-732-1120** Counties served: Genesee

## **Kent District Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

**1-616-647-3988** Counties served: Ionia, Kent, Montcalm

## **Traverse Area District Library & Talking Book Library**

**1-877-931-8558** Counties served: Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford

## **St. Clair County Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

**1-800-272-8570** Counties served: Huron, Saint Clair, Sanilac, Tuscola

## **Muskegon Area District Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

**1-231-737-6310, 1-877-569-4801 (Ottawa)** Counties served: Muskegon, Ottawa

## **Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped @ CMPL**

**1-586-286-1580** Counties served: Macomb

## **Braille and Talking Books @ Taylor Community Library**

**1-734-287-4840** Serving Wayne County

## **Detroit Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

**1-313-481-1702** Serving cities of Detroit and Highland Park

# Library of Michigan Foundation

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